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VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2012 MEETING

In attendance: Andrew Fischer, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Josh Lobel, Brucie Moulton.
 Absent: Paul Bayer, Kathleen Bodie, Adam Chapdelaine, Dan Dunn, Bruce Fitzsimmons, William Hayner, John Leone, Cheryl Miller, Angela Olszewski, William Shea, Heidi Sheehan.

- The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with several corrections.
- Town Meeting has approved the CDBG funds requested by Vision 2020 and has passed the warrant articles on public art and funding for the water bodies fund.
- The Vision 2020 year-end event will be a pot luck (salads and desserts), held on June 19 at 6:30 at the Senior Center. The theme will be public art. (The Standing Committee meeting on June 12 will be held as scheduled.)
- On June 7 there will be a program at the Arlington Center for the Arts on promoting Arlington as a cultural community.
- Brucie suggested that Vision 2020 groups could list their meetings and events in the monthly Arlington Shopper.
- Communication with Town Meeting: Jane suggested that it would help to meet with Town Meeting members to explain the reasons behind some warrant articles in more detail than the limited discussion time during Town Meeting allows. Joey added that better communication is needed in general between Town Meeting members and their constituents: on some matters, Town Meeting votes are out of line with census survey results. Brucie noted that next year's survey could include some questions about this -- some people don't even know who their Town Meeting representatives are. The Governance task group could be asked to consider this problem. Josh suggested a meeting with Town Meeting members, after the warrant is available, to help them organize their precincts, especially when there is no warrant review, as this year.
- Committee members need to take the state's on-line ethics quiz. Joey has received only a few forms certifying that a member has done so.
- New Town officials: Andrew Flanagan, Assistant Town Manager; Alan Minoian, economic development director.
- Arlington has been selected to participate in the "Solarize Mass" program, in which towns select one company to install photovoltaic panels on all participating homes in the town, at a discounted price. A public presentation is to be scheduled. Ryan Katofsky of Sustainable Arlington will be the "solar coach." Andrew noted that the work will require an electrical permit and suggested "beating the rush" and getting it from Andrew Byrne at DPW if anyone wants to participate.
- The meeting ended with a look at the tabulation of the census survey results and a discussion of how to reformat them for presentation to Town Meeting.